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Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 11, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The host computer system 102 includes a storage medium 106, system software 108, EPL/ES software 110, a display 112 and an input device 114. The storage medium 106 includes a PLU data file 107 which stores item prices which are available for distribution to a POS terminal 116 by the host system 102. Alternatively, provision may be made for a bar code scanner 118 to directly access the PLU data file 107. The storage medium 106 also includes EPL/ES data file 109 which contains information, such as a PLU number and identification information for each of the EPLs 122 and ESs 123. EPL/ES data file 109 also includes an item or promotion identification number which indicates if the associated identification number is for an EPL 122 or ~~and~~ an ES 123. The system 102 executes system software 108 which updates the contents of storage medium 106 and performs other system functions. Input device 114 is preferably a keyboard, but it will be recognized that data can be entered in a variety of alternative manners.